GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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FUNDS FOR RAJASTHAN FEEDER CANAL
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not starting the work on the Rajasthan feeder canal;and

(b) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b) Irrigation being a State subject the irrigation projects are planned, executed and maintained by State Governments depending on their priorities. On the request of Government of Punjab the project was included under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) serviced by Ministry of Water Resources, and central assistance to the extent of Rs. 105.84 crore have been released under AIBP in the year 2010-11 for the same. The reason forwarded by Govt. of Punjab for not starting work on relining of Rajasthan Feeder Canal is that, the work on this project is to be taken up simultaneously with Relining of Sirhind Feeder Canal, as they have a common bank.

Government of Punjab have informed that due to paucity of funds for taking up work for Sirhind Feeder Canal, the work on Rajasthan Feeder Canal could not be taken up.

The proposal submitted by Government of Punjab for release of fund under AIBP to Sirhind Feeder Canal had certain deficiencies with regard to modified guidelines of AIBP during 12th Plan, which has been informed to Government of Punjab.

The Government of Punjab has separately requested Planning Commission, Government of India, for release of additional Central Assistance to Sirhind Feeder Canal Project. The issue is being addressed by Planning Commission.